

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DEFINING  
ASSET CLASSES IN A DIGITAL LIBRARY

ABSTRACT

Provided are a method, system, and program for defining asset classes in a digital  
5 library. At least one asset class is defined to include at least one attribute and attributes  
are defined for each asset class to have an attribute object type. The attribute object type  
is defined to indicate one of a plurality of different data structure formats that are  
searchable through separate application programs, wherein the attribute object types in  
one asset class are implemented in different data structure formats. A asset object  
10 instance is generated for each asset class and information is generated in the asset object  
instance on a file location of attribute objects providing the attributes for the generated  
asset object instance.